

1 **Emergency Notice for Maintenance of Fire Lookouts - 2007**

2 **[Notice to Public June 19, 2007]**

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4 **New Language**

5 ~~**Deleted Language**~~

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7 **Amend 14 CCR § 895 - Abbreviations Applicable Throughout Chapter**

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9 **CAL** Confidential Archaeology Letter

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11 **CAL FIRE** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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13 **CCR** California Code of Regulations

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16 **Amend 14 CCR § 895.1 - Definitions**

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18 **Effects** means effects and impacts as defined in 14 CCR 15358.

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20 **Emergency** means 1) those conditions that will cause waste or loss of timber
21 resources to the timber owner that may be minimized by immediate harvesting
22 of infected, infested or damaged timber or salvaging down timber; 2) those
23 conditions that obstruct or reduce effective emergency response operations;
24 or 3) those conditions that will cause appreciable financial loss to the
25 timber owner that may be minimized by immediate harvesting of timber.

1 **End-Hauling** means the removal and transportation of excavated material to
2 prevent sidecast.

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5 **Amend 14 CCR § 1052 - Emergency Notice**

6 (a) Before cutting or removing timber on an emergency basis, an RPF on
7 behalf of a timber owner or operator shall submit a Notice of Emergency
8 Timber Operations to the Director, on form RM-67 (06/2007) ~~(9/99)~~, or form
9 RM-65 (1052.4)(1/1/06) for a Fuel Hazard Reduction emergency, as prescribed
10 by the Director. The notice shall include, but not be limited to, the
11 following:

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14 **Adopt 14 CCR § 1052.1 - Emergency Conditions**

15 (f) trees that obscure the sight-line from the observation area of a
16 fire detection lookout maintained by a government agency (e.g. CAL FIRE or
17 USDA Forest Service fire lookouts).

1 **Adopt 14 CCR § 1052.5 - Emergency Notice for Fire Lookouts**

2 The RPF preparing the Notice of Emergency Timber Operations for Fire
3 Lookouts shall describe the nature of the emergency and the need for
4 immediate cutting and removal of trees in sufficient detail so that the
5 reason for the emergency is clear. Emergency timber operations shall only be
6 conducted in conformance with the following:

7 (a) The RPF shall consult with the affected government fire agency
8 official(s) prior to submission of the Emergency Notice to determine if
9 emergency conditions exist as defined in 14 CCR §§ 895.1 and 1052.1,
10 subsection (f), and to verify the necessity for tree removal.

11 (b) The RPF shall provide with the Emergency Notice: 1) a description
12 of the criteria used to designate trees to be harvested or the trees to be
13 retained; and 2) written verification from the affected agency of the
14 necessity for removal of each tree proposed to be removed.

15 (c) Live trees shall only be removed when necessary to abate emergency
16 conditions as defined in 14 CCR §§ 895.1 and 1052.1, subsection (f).

17 (d) All trees that are harvested or all trees that are retained shall
18 be marked by or under the supervision of the RPF before felling operations
19 begin.

20 (e) The conditions of 14 CCR § 1038, subsections (b)(1) through (10)
21 shall apply; or for operations in the Lake Tahoe Basin, (f)(1) through (14)
22 are applied.

23 (f) The RPF shall evaluate and incorporate habitat requirements in
24 accordance with 14 CCR § 919. Such evaluations shall include use of the
25 California Natural Diversity Database and local knowledge of the planning

1 watershed(s). Habitat requirements to be incorporated into the project may
2 include retention of large woody debris and vegetative screening for wildlife
3 cover.

4 (g) The RPF shall consider the visual and aesthetic qualities of the
5 area proposed for harvest, while at the same time addressing the emergency
6 condition and allowing orderly harvesting of timber resources within these
7 areas. Every reasonable effort shall be made by the RPF to use silvicultural
8 methods other than clearcutting to protect the scenic values in the area.

9 (h) Timber operations should not reduce the after harvest stocking
10 standards below the standards of the most closely associated silvicultural
11 method. The anticipated post-harvest stocking shall be provided with the
12 notice.

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